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walnuts through independent handlers, any ten or more such growers who marketed an aggregate of 500 or more tons of walnuts through those handlers during the marketing year preceding the year in which Board nominations are held, may petition the Board to include on the nomination ballot the name of an eligible candidate for this position, and the name of an eligible candidate to serve as his alternate. The names of the eligible candidates proposed pursuant to this paragraph shall be included on the ballot together with the names of any incumbents who are willing to continue serving on the Board.

(b) Any ten or more growers eligible to serve in the grower member positions specified in §984.35(a) (5) and (6) and who marketed an aggregate of 500 or more tons of walnuts through independent handlers during the marketing year preceding the year in which Board nominations are held, may petition the Board to include on the nomination ballot for a district the name of an eligible candidate for the applicable position, and the name of an eligible candidate to serve as his alternate. The names of the eligible candidates proposed pursuant to this paragraph shall be included on the ballot together with the names of any incumbents who are willing to continue serving on the

(c) Petitions made pursuant to paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section shall be on forms supplied by the Board and filed no later than April 1 of the nomination year.

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## § 984.445 Procedures for voting by mail or telegram.

Whenever the Board votes upon any proposition by mail or telegram at least six members or alternates acting as members must vote and one dissenting vote shall prevent its adoption. Each proposition to be voted upon by either of these methods shall specify a time limit for members to vote, after which the alternates shall be given the opportunity to vote.

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## §984.450 Grade and size regulations.

(a) Minimum kernel content requirements for inshell walnuts for reserve disposition credit. For the purposes of §§ 984.54 and 984.56, no lot of inshell walnuts may be held, exported, or disposed of for use by government agencies or charitable institutions unless it meets the minimum requirements for merchantable inshell walnuts effective pursuant to §984.59(a). The disposition of any lot of inshell walnuts pursuant to §984.64 having at least a certified kernelweight of not less than 10 percent of the inshell weight of the lot may be credited against a handler's reserve obligation.

(b) Minimum kernel content requirements for shelled walnuts for reserve disposition credit. For the purposes of §§ 984.54 and 984.56, no lot of shelled walnuts may be held, exported, or disposed of for use by government agencies or charitable institutions unless it meets the minimum requirements for merchantable shelled walnuts effective pursuant to §984.50(b). The disposition of any lot of shelled walnuts pursuant to §984.64 having at least a certified kernelweight of kernels six sixtyfourths of an inch or larger of not less than 10 percent of the total weight of the lot may be credited against a handler's reserve obligation: Provided, That such minimum kernel content requirements shall not apply to any lot of walnut meal certified by the designated inspection service as having been derived from chopping, slicing, or dicing merchantable shelled walnuts.

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## §984.451 Inspection and certification of inshell and shelled walnuts.

- (a) The inspection service shall be the DFA of California.
- (b) Each handler shall make each container of each lot of walnuts accessible for sampling and sealing or stamping in connection with the inspection and certification of any lot of inshell or shelled walnuts.
- (c) Inshell and shelled walnuts for export pursuant to §984.56(b) shall have been inspected and certified not more than 60 days prior to shipment from the handler's plant.

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